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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, OTRA, GW, GE, WB

SUBJECT: BAHR AND GAUS MEET WITH GOVERNING MAYOR AND SPD FRAKTION

1. SENAT KANZLEI DIRECTOR HERZ TOLD LIAISON OFFICERS  
SEP 4 THAT WHEN EGON BAHR, ACCOMPANIED BY FRG REPRE-  
SENTATIVE DESIGNATE TO GDR, GAUS, MET SEPT 4 WITH  
GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AND BERLIN SPD FRAKTION BOARD,  
BAHR PROMISED THAT BRANDT GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE PUBLIC  
DECISION TO LEAVE TREUHANDSTELLE IN BERLIN (AT LEAST  
FOR ANOTHER YEAR) AND HOPEFULLY LAID MATTER TO REST.
2. BAHR ALSO DISCUSSED EXFILTRATION PROBLEM AND SCHUETZ  
STRESSED THAT SENAT HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS  
OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT. SUCH VIOLATIONS UNDER TERMS OF  
AGREEMENT WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF FRG AND GDR, AND COULD  
BE DISCUSSED BY JOINT COMMISSION. BAHR REPORTEDLY AGREED  
TO SENAT SUGGESTIONS THAT FRG CONDUCT PUBLIC INFORMATION  
CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE TRANSIT-ROUTE USERS TO CONDITIONS OF  
AGREEMENT. (IN APPARENT CONTRADICTION WITH THE PUBLIC LINE  
SCHUETZ HAS BEEN TAKING, BAHR TOLD THE PRESS THAT COMMERCIAL  
EXFILTRATION IS A VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.)
3. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SCHUETZ, BAHR AND GAUS GAVE  
PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH BAHR HEDGED ABOUT TREUHANDSTELLE  
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LOCATION SAYING THAT SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND IN INTEREST

OF BERLIN BUT QUESTION OF LOCATION WAS NOT SUBJECT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. (SENATOR RIEBSCHLAGER TOLD MINISTER SEPTEMBER 5 THAT CONCERN OVER LOCATION OF TREUHANDSTELLE IN WEST BERLIN STEMMED FROM FACT THAT OFFICE HAS DUAL AUTHORIZATION -- FROM FEDERAL ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND FROM BERLIN SENAT -- TO CARRY OUT ITS OPERATIONS. BAHR IS OSTENSIBLY CONCERNED THAT IF TREUHANDSTELLE IS NOT INCORPORATED INTO FRG REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN, GDR MAY SEEK TO USE TREUHANDSTELLE AS "MODEL" FOR SPORTS FEDERATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHERE QUESTION OF INCORPORATING BERLIN MEMBERS INTO FRG ORGANIZATIONS IS AT ISSUE.) QUESTIONED AS TO TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN, GAUS SAID PERHAPS NOT ALL OF PLANNED 100 POSITIONS IN FRG OFFICE WOULD BE FILLED.

4. BAHR ALSO PLAYED DOWN RECENT DIFFICULTIES WITH EAST EUROPEANS CONCERNING LINKS BETWEEN BONN AND BERLIN. HE SAID SUMMER VACATION PERIOD IN MOSCOW CREATED LAG IN CARRYING OUT POLICY WHICH WAS AGREED UPON DURING THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN IN MAY. KLEIN

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